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1. AS INVETERATE PRACTITIONERS OF CONSENSUS APPROACH, NIGERIANS WILL NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE TO RESUME RELATIONS

WITH GOI BUT WOULD PROBABLY RENEW TIES IF SUFFICIENT NUMBER OTHER OAU MEMBER STATES DID SO FIRST (JUST AS THEY WERE 18TH IN LINE TO BREAK RELATIONS LAST YEAR). IN CONVERSATION JUNE 26 ABOUT OAU SUMMIT (SEPTEL), SENIOR, MEA OFFICIAL NOTED THAT TIME FOR RENEWAL OF RELATIONS NOT YET RIPE AND ADDED THAT NIGERIA WOULD NOT BE FIRST EVEN WHEN TIME FINALLY CAME.

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2. DEVELOPMENT OF OAU CONSENSUS ON THIS SUBJECT IS

NOT IN ANY EVENT MATTER FOR USG INVOLVEMENT. WE HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN AND MUCH TO LOSE WERE WE TO ATTEMPT INFLUENCE OAU STATES ON BEHALF GOI, AND SHOULD THUS FOLLOW COURSE RECOMMENDED MONROVIA 3595 AND DAKAR 3495 AND KEEP HANDS OFF.
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